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SECURITY DATABASE FOR A SELF-SERVICE  
CHECKOUT SYSTEM

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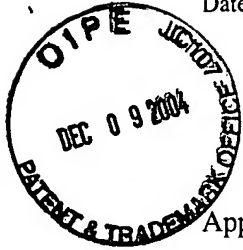
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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

Further to the outstanding Office Action dated October 5, 2004 (Paper No. 09282004)  
for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit the following Response.

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